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## HISTORY IS MADE BY GIANTS AND SOX

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**TIES C. MACK'S RECORD**  
Rowland, Chicago Pilot, First "Bush Leaguer" to Win Flag in American.

By FREDERICK G. LIES.  
The practical clinching of the major league pennant last night by the Giants and the White Sox makes some new and interesting baseball history. Both of these teams need a few more mathematical points to clinch the 1917 pennant, but to all intents and purposes the New York Nationals and Chicago Americans may be considered as the champions of their respective leagues.

In New York John McGraw, the giant leader, becomes the first manager in the forty-two year history of the National League to win six pennants. Only John Comiskey, first manager of the White Sox, has won five pennants in the American League. Comiskey, manager of the Athletics, was the first big league manager to win six pennants. His record is now tied by McGraw.

Prior to this season McGraw shared the honor of having won five National League pennants with Cap Anson, Frank Seale and Ned Hanlon. Anson won five pennants in Chicago. Seale won five in Boston, while Hanlon won three in Baltimore. McGraw being a member of his team there, and two in Brooklyn.

In Chicago, Clarence Rowland, manager of the White Sox, is the first bush league manager in many years to win a major league pennant. Rowland was a free agent, big league manager when Comiskey first hired him in 1915. He had never been in the big leagues, had never won a major league pennant and he never won New York until the White Sox made their first Eastern trip in 1915. Few fell over themselves welcoming Clarence into the American League either, as he went up against the same prejudice there that formerly existed in the army against a man who wasn't a West Pointer. He simply didn't belong in the lodge.

Others Like Rowland.  
There have been a few of his type before, but Rowland is the first who ever won a pennant in the American League. Seale, who won five pennants in 1858 and 1859, was the only other big league manager to win a pennant who had not been an active big league player in the majors, but attracted attention as a manager in the New York Giants.

Both the White Sox and the Giants have disproved the old fallacy that "it is impossible to buy a pennant." The same prejudice that formerly existed in the army against a man who wasn't a West Pointer, could not win the pennant for the Old Roman in 1915. Seale, though, a close contender each year, but this year they have his club just enough drive to beat out the Red Sox, the champions of 1915 and 1916. Seale, who was a player, among them Leibold, Eddie Murphy, Feich and Schall.

**Big Money Paid for Giants.**  
With few exceptions the Giants are a purchased club, ranging all the way from \$15,000 to \$100,000. The Federal League auctioneer for the Boston Red Sox, the waiver price turned over to Pittsburgh for St. Louis. Salie was purchased for \$100,000. Herzog was purchased for \$100,000. The waiver price turned over to Pittsburgh for St. Louis. Salie was purchased for \$100,000. Herzog was purchased for \$100,000.

The 1917 pennant will be the eighth for the Giants during their National League career. The first was won in 1888 and 1889, 1904 and 1905, and 1911, 1912 and 1913. With the exception of the two seasons won in 1888 and 1889, the first two seasons have been managed by McGraw.

The world's series history of the Giants has not been so brilliant, especially in recent years. In 1903 the Giants beat the St. Louis Browns, managed by Comiskey, the present owner of the White Sox, six games to four, and in 1905 the Athletics defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers, five games to three, while Chief Meyers is just about holding on with the Boston Braves.

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## READY FOR HARKNESS AUTO CUP RACE.



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spring of 1913 and remained there three seasons and a half before blossoming into one of the pitching finds of the decade. Dario Resta was fired and hired three times since the 1913 series, and in the intervals has played with the Cubs, Toronto and in the semi-pro ranks.

Demaree came to the team late in 1913 and started one game for New York in the 1913 world's series. Since then he has been a member of the Philadelphia National League champions of 1914 and played with Chicago until traded back to the Giants last month.

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## AMERICAN LEAGUE PRICES WIN FAVOR

World's Series Lists, Announced for Chicago, Should Be Adopted Here.

## BIG PURSES ASSURED

By SHORTSTOP.  
The American League, through President Ban Johnson, has announced that the midwinter legislation of the American League, which prevents any American League champion from charging more than double the regular admission price for future world's series, will be carefully lived up to in the coming series between the White Sox and the Giants. The only exception made is that boxes may be sold for \$5 a seat, as has been the custom heretofore.

This progressive legislation showed how closely the American League was to the pulse of the public and came shortly after the indignation felt over inflated world's series prices last fall. Despite the fact that this indignation was almost entirely in Brooklyn, where for the first time \$5 was asked for lower seats in the first of the upper and lower stands and for the bleachers, the National League never took any action seeking to curb world's series prices. Even after Johnson's recent announcement in Chicago as to the White Sox prices, the National League has not taken any action.

However, Shortstop called attention to the fact last winter that as long as the American League charged \$1.50 for a grand stand chair and 50 cents for a bleacher seat, no National League club could dare charge such prices as asked at the White Sox field last fall. Even with the American League scale of prices, big purses are assured.

**Big Chance for New York Club.**  
To the credit of the Giant management it must be said that its world's series prices always have been most reasonable, considering the exorbitant prices asked recently by other clubs. During the 1911, 1912 and 1913 series the entire lower grand stand, with its 16,000 seats, sold for \$2, while the upper stand went for \$2, with the entire 10,000 bleacher seats sold for \$1.50. The regular prices, boxes, containing four chairs, were sold for \$25.

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**Brooklyn Club Learned Lesson.**  
The Brooklyn club has learned a lesson. It was bitter, but it was bound to come. At the rate world's series prices were advanced, somebody was bound to overstep the mark, and Ebbs proved to be the one who did it.

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## Ty Cobb Still on Slump; Loses 12 More Points

Rough Has National League Championship Practically Clinched—Giants and White Sox Both Bat Second in Their Respective Leagues.

## PRESENT CHAMPIONS EXCEL OLD TIMERS

By SPRINTER.  
This has been a poor year for athletics. The track and field sport practically has been at a standstill. Not in twenty years have so few games been held, and competition is the life of sport. Athletic activities have been dropped at many of the colleges and greatly curtailed in others. Many athletic associations followed the example set by the colleges and put the ban on athletics. Most of the able-bodied young men are in service and so fully occupied with the grim business of war as to have no time for athletics except to engage in sports as a regular part of their military training.

Keeping in mind the present conditions, how the athletic enthusiasts think the performance of the recent national championships compared with the performance in the national title meet of 1916? "Nothing to it," we hear some say. "The boys of 1916 must have won up performances greater superior. Why, that was the year of the memorable hallooing of the London A. C. by the New York A. C. in the famous international dual meet. Those were the days of the great Charley Kilpatrick, Tommy Burke, Tommy Conner, Bernie Wefers, Jim Ward, Mike Sweeney, George Gray, George Orton and Steve Chase. Why, that 1916 meet must have had on the 1917 affair four ways from the track!"

A glance at the accompanying tables will show that in nine of the thirteen events the 1917 champions bettered the performance of the 1916 winners, and in one other, the quarter mile, the 1917 winner turned in the same time as the 1916 victor. Though the figures in the table make the 1917 performance appear superior, the difference in the methods of measuring circular tracks makes the 1917 winner run yards further than was covered by the victor in the same event in 1916.

Virtually the 1917 champions showed a superiority in eleven of the thirteen events. The only two contests in which the 1916 boys showed a clean superiority were the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes. Both of these were won by the great Bernie Wefers, a star of spring events. Bernie won the 100 in ten seconds, and covered the furlong in 21.4 seconds. Ward, who took the 220 in 31.4 seconds, both events at Chicago A. captured the 100 in 10.5 seconds and 22.1 seconds respectively.

**Measurements Differ.**  
Frank Shea of the Pittsburgh A. A. captured the quarter mile at St. Louis in 49.3 seconds, the same time as the quarter mile title in 1916 was won by Tommy Burke. Instead of spring events, Bernie won the 100 in ten seconds, and covered the furlong in 21.4 seconds. Ward, who took the 220 in 31.4 seconds, both events at Chicago A. captured the 100 in 10.5 seconds and 22.1 seconds respectively.

George Orton won the national mile title in 4:46 in 1917, 15 seconds slower than in 1916. This was no five mile event on the 1916 tour program. The five mile event first was installed on the national championship program in 1910, but was dropped in 1911 and not resumed again until 1916. In 1916 Charlie Benn of the Suffolk A. A. won the five mile in 24:55, and in 1917 George Orton won it in 24:40, a much faster time than the 1916 and 1917 titles were taken in.

**Stinson Was Absent.**  
Steve Chase, the greatest of old time high hurdlers, hung up 18.8 seconds in winning the 120 yard hurdle in 1916. The champion of the Meadowbrook Club, the Penn State captain, did 15.4 seconds in winning at St. Louis. The great Bob Simpson did not compete. F. J. Leomin, brother of the better known Joe Leomin, won the 120 yard hurdle in 1917 in 18.8 seconds, a much faster time than the 1916 and 1917 titles were taken in.

The winner of the pole vault crown of 1917 cleared the crossbar at a height of 12 feet 9 inches greater than the victor in 1916. The 1917 winners showed the following approximate superiority in the other field events—high jump, 2 inches; broad jump, 2 inches; shot put, 2 feet 10 inches; discus throw, 30 feet; and 56 pound weight throw, 8 inches.

If any one is in doubt how athletics has progressed in America in the last twenty years, let him turn to the accompanying table.

## National Championships, New York, September 14, 1916.

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